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**No dearth of material** this month. There was enough to fill 8 pages, which is just great. It will serve as extra protection for the woods.

**This is the big one** for most of you. Some of the monthly free woods have already been handed out personally or through the grapevine, but the majority of the members will receive this issue in a large brown envelope. It will contain the monthly free woods from April to December, plus a couple of extras, 11 in total.

**In case any member is concerned** about the extra cost of postage to send out such a large heavy envelope, let me still your fears. As editor, I made the decision to safeguard the free woods in this manner and I'm more than happy to foot the extra cost. Postage charged to the club will be only the regular 43 cents per.

**The bad news** is that Ross Kingdon's wife was in a serious car accident recently. **The good news** is that she miraculously survived the incident. Although Ann is presently incapacitated, Ross assures us that she has very narrowly escaped paralysis. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

## Address changes and additions:

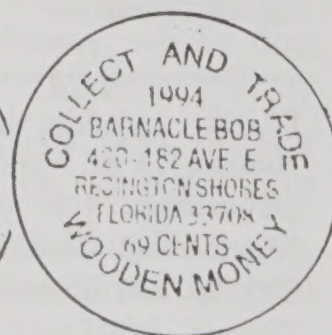
New Address:

Dick Dunn,  
P.O. Box 562,  
Pickering, ON  
Canada, L1V 2R7

New member:

Alberni Valley Coin Club,  
P.O. Box 71,  
Port Alberni, BC  
Canada, V9Y 1V9

**Almost missed** Robert Beisiegel's Christmas wood. He got lucky and has to go on the front page. (I do the front page last). Barnacle Bob writes: Will trade my '94 Christmas wood for yours, each pay own postage. '90, 91, 92, 93, 94, Christmas woods available for 25 cents each plus S.A.S.E. Contact: Barnacle Bob, 420-182 Ave. East., Redington Shores, FL, USA 33708.





It's nice to know that Walter is getting the best of attention. He deserves every bit of it. Best wishes to you for Christmas, Walter.

## FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH

The last free wood for 1994 comes from the Calgary Numismatic Society via Al Munro. A nice reminder of the C.N.A. convention to be held in Calgary next year. Plan to "head your tails" to that fair city in 1995, it's going to be a fun time. Convention dates are July 19-23; more info as it is received. For C.A.W.M.C. it is also an election year. Start thinking about nominees. Our thanks to the contributors of this wood. We hope to arrive in '95.

**DUES:** Membership dues in the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors is \$10.00 per calendar year and should be forwarded to our Membership Chairman - Ron Zelk at R.P.O. Box 77575, 592 Sheppard Ave. W., Downsview, Ont. Canada, M3H 6A7.

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## DIAMOND TOOTH GERTIE WOOD FROM DAWSON CITY YUKON TERRITORY

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Dawson City, is located 100 Km from the Alaska border, and 530 Km North of Whitehorse. Today it has a permanent population of about 1900, and on a good weekend in the summer 15,000. It boasts hotel rooms for 500, and camp grounds.

1890's Dawson City boasted having several Dance Halls, Saloons, and Theaters. Add to this the Bonanza Creek, where the first gold nugget was found, and Eldorado Creek that produced even more gold.

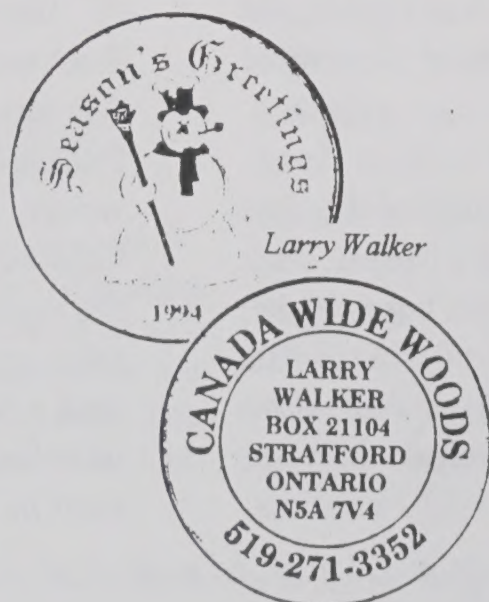
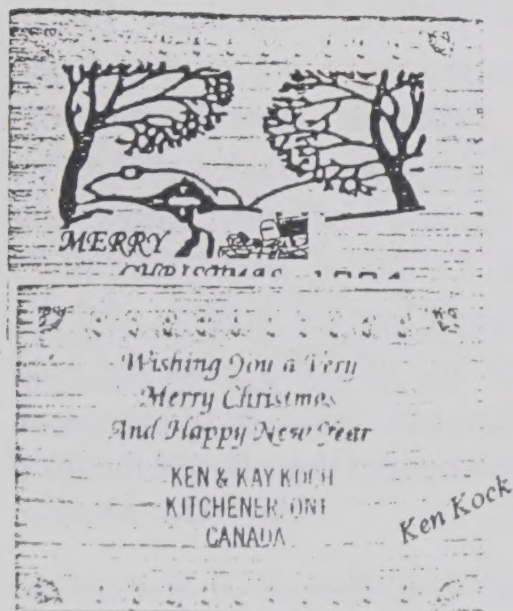
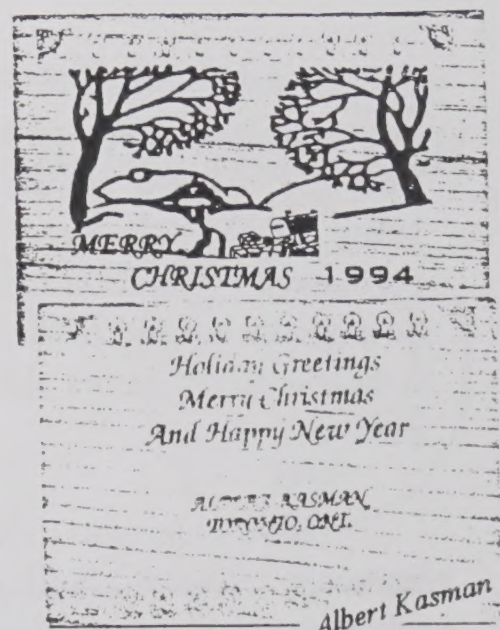
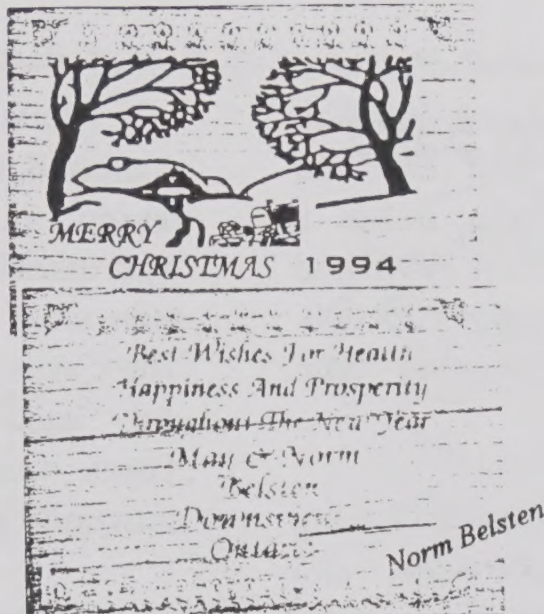
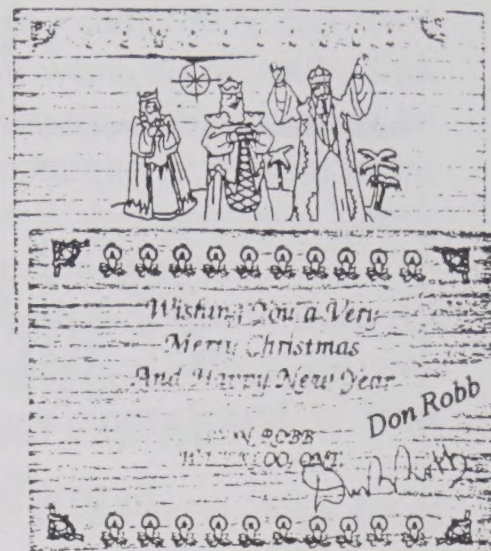
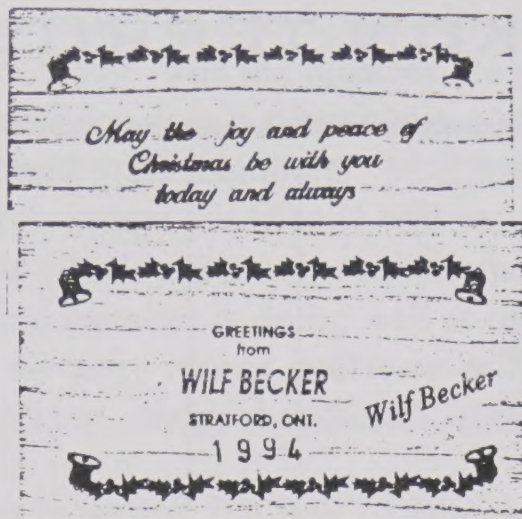
One well-known woman of the time was Diamond Tooth Gertie Lovejoy, nick named for the diamond worn between her front teeth. She was one of the 1890's, Dance Hall Girls, who charged one whole dollar for a dance, and helped part the miners from their money.

Diamond tooth Gertie, minus the Diamond, lives on in a Gay 90's Can Can review in the Dawson Casino. The waitresses dress as dance hall girls and the men wear string ties and sleeve garters. The Casino, for a long time, was Canada's only legal gambling hall. The Diamond Tooth Gertie Wood was issued as a souvenire of the casino.

Other notable Dawson city residents of the day included Kathleen Eloisa Rockwell, better known as Klondike Kate. Alexander Pantages, owner of the Pantages theater chain, Jack London the writer, and Brenda Mulroney, whose dog became Jack London's "Buck" in call of the wild. Robert Service the poet, did not take up residence till 1908, after the gold rush. And lets not forget Skookum Jim, who found the nugget that started the gold rush in 1896.

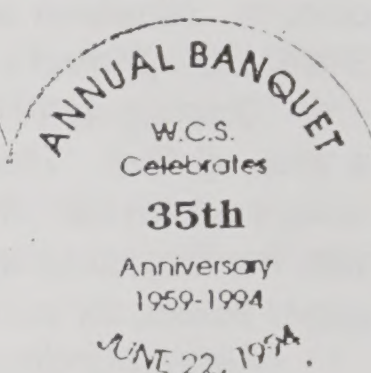
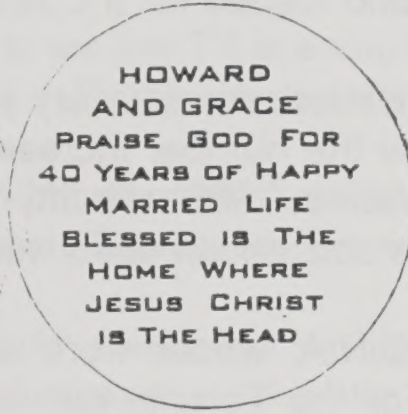
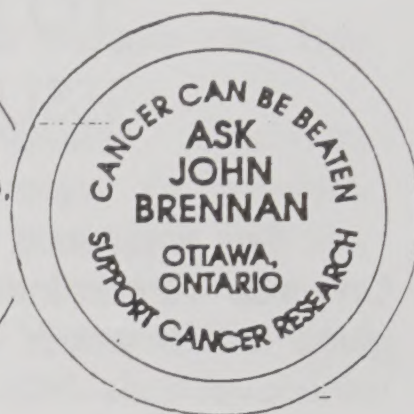
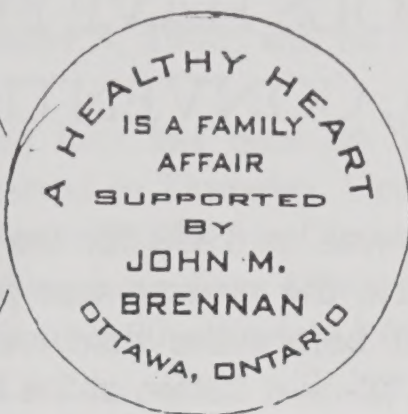


Shown below are some of the 1994 Christmas woods that have been circulated recently. The flats are mostly on cherry, a beautifully grained wood which, unfortunately, does not respond well to photocopying due to its somewhat darker tones.



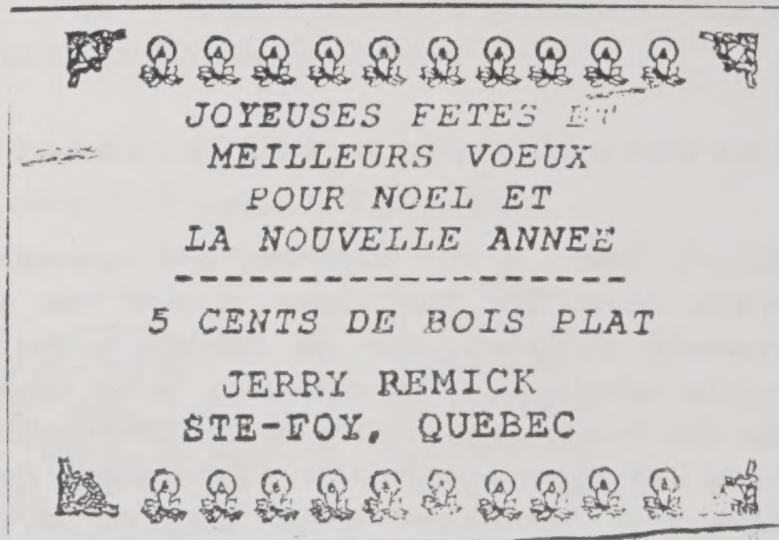
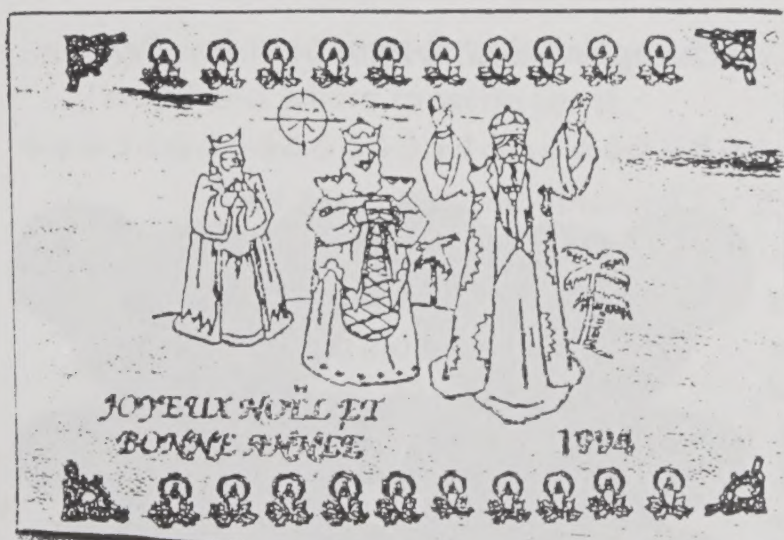


Some new woods that have recently surfaced are shown below. John Brennan's woods are usually available for an S.A.S.E. You might also try Howard Harris. The W.C.S. is not known at this time. It was purchased at the recent coin show at Waterloo, Ont.



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Jerry Remick has issued two flats, one on cherry wood and one on maple. Both are identical as to printing. They are perhaps the only Canadian Christmas woods printed with French text in 1994. Jerry offers them at \$1.00 for the pair, postpaid. Write him at Box 9183, Sainte Foy, Quebec, G1V 4B1.





# C.N.A. WOOD ISSUES

## TO DATE 360 WOODS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR C.N.A. CONVENTIONS

The first wood issued for the C.N.A. was in 1959 for the Regina convention. One side with an Indian head printed in black, the reverse was printed on paper and glued to the wood. Twelve years passed before the next issue in 1971 for the Vancouver convention. It was good for one 18-cent coffee at the Hotel Vancouver. In 1979 the first flat issued for the C.N.A. was 2" x 2 1/2" printed on balsa wood in multi colours. Nineteen eighty saw the largest wood issued for a C.N.A. convention, being 3 1/4" x 6", printed in black.

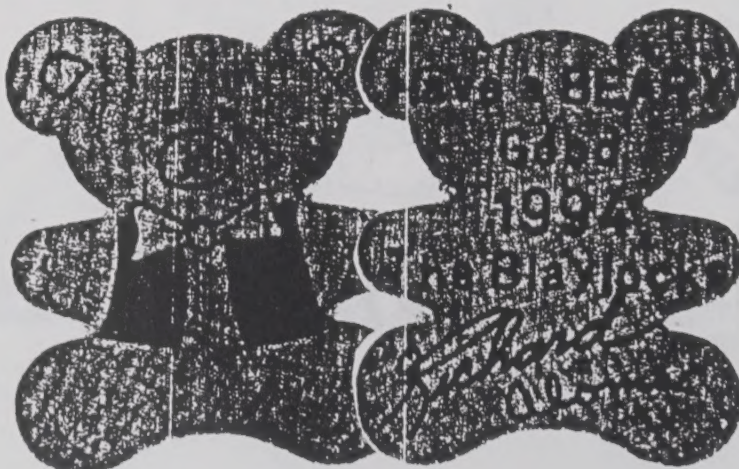
Starting in 1976, C.N.A. woods were issued almost every year, with one or two a year, at first. Then in the eighties we saw the number increase to twenty to thirty issues each year. The Quebec City convention in 1989 with fifty-two different issues, was the largest to date. Many events at the convention used wood tokens instead of paper tickets for admission to them.

Three hundred and twenty-five of all C.N.A. woods were issued by individuals, 31 by coin clubs, and 4 by businesses. For the Toronto conventions, the following were issued: 1981 - 23; 1986 - 16; and 1991 - 24. for a total of 63 woods. Hamilton had 34 in 1984, and 29 in 1994. London, Ontario, had 2 and Ottawa had 2. Ontario's total for their seven C.N.A. conventions where woods were issued, is 130, more than a third of all C.N.A. woods given out.

C.N.A. woods come in various shapes and sizes with the most common sizes being 1 1/2 " and 1 3/4 " in diameter, by 1/8" thick. Flats, as they are called, range from 2" x 2 1/2" to 3 1/4" x 6 " rectangles. Also issued were several other sizes and shapes including the bear shape in 1994.

*Compiled and written by Norm Belsten.*

*Editor's Note: A very interesting and informative article, Norm. The bear shown at right was not previously published, since the Blaylocks issued a regular round wood at the convention. When handed this little bear by Aloma during the CAWMA breakfast, I took it as a nice remembrance of the occasion. It is, however, a "wood", and it **was** given out at the convention. I stand on neutral ground as to its category.*





## PINE TREE SHILLING DAY IN NEW LYME

Thursday, December 8, 1994, will be Pine Tree Shilling Day at Manners Pine Tree Lodge in New Lyme.

Previously, Shilling Day has been on the first Saturday in December. This year, however, it has been moved to Thursday, December 8th. Why the change? On this date, December 8, 1994, Channel 5 (ABC) in Cleveland, will broadcast their local show "Morning Exchange", a two hour live show, from Manners Pine Tree Lodge in New Lyme, Ohio.

This show airs from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., featuring local TV personalities Fred Griffith and Connie Dieken, who will be joining Channel 5, December 1st. Also, Weatherman Mark Johnson, originally from Ashtabula county, will be on hand during the show.

Anyone wishing to see live TV in action is invited to be at the farm by 8:30 a.m. Seats in the lodge are limited. Plan to come early -- pick up your wooden coin and enjoy the show.

The 1994 coin will honor the Lakers Ruritan, for 25 years of community service to the Andover area. The Lakers Ruritan has provided the food catering service at the Pine Tree Farm since 1982.

Anyone not able to attend, but wishing to receive a wooden coin, may do so by sending a self addressed stamped envelope to:

Manners Pine Tree Lodge,  
780 Dodgeville Road,  
New Lyme,  
Jefferson, Ohio, U.S.A. 44047



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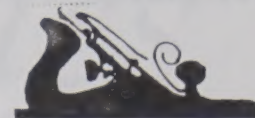
A note from Bob Beisiegel of the Sunshine State informs us of a new wood and where to write for it.

This wood may be obtained for 25 cents (U.S.) plus S.A.S.E. from:

Floral City Heritage Council,  
# 1 Courthouse Square,  
Inverness, FL  
U.S.A. 34450





SHAVINGS from the Editor's workbench:

As my tenure as Timber Talk editor comes to a close, I cannot help but feel some concern over the future of this newsletter. This is the December issue. It is late November as I write this, and yet, to the best of my knowledge, a new editor has not yet volunteered, been selected, or appointed. I would liked to have had the opportunity, through Timber Talk, to welcome a new editor and write a short introduction on him or her. Such is not the case, and as this issue goes to press, the membership is left in what appears to be a kind of limbo. I'm sure that someone out there is gearing up for the job. I just haven't been told.

During the period of the last two years, I have made several changes in the methods, layouts, patterns and procedures, etc. of Timber Talk. Some were no more than passing experiments, other became permanent fixtures. It's all in the learning process of the job. As editor, one can try out his graphic wings, flex his literary prowess, and invent new ways to streamline the production line of preparing the end product for mailing.

Of course, no job is without its frustrations. Only last month, I went to my usual place for the printing of Timber Talk only to find that the machine was out of order for the day. To a resident of the area, this would not be a big problem. Simply come back tomorrow. For me, who lives 150 miles from the print shop, I had to quickly select an alternate company. Alas, my second choice was a disaster. After carefully explaining to the flighty figure at the counter how the job was to be done, I proceeded to shop throughout the store while the printing was in progress. Little did I know that the instructions would change hands twice in my absence. Not until I arrived home that evening did I realize that the 8 pages of November's T.T. had been printed on one side only, using 8 pieces of paper for each set of 8 pages! That made the letter overweight and would have cost a extra \$50.00 in postage. I had them reprinted at my regular place on route to Stratford later on that week, and, on a subsequent trip to Toronto, I had a nice chat with the manager of the store that screwed up. Happily, I got a full refund.

Unlike my usual habit of getting wooden nickels out in good time, this year's Christmas wood has not yet been completed. I am inundated with chores and many are now buried in last night's first snowfall. The nickels should be completed before December though.

A number of potential articles are burning at my fingertips and, if the next editor will accept my work for publication, I intend to continue writing material for Timber Talk.

This being my last fling at "Shavings", I've taken the liberty of filling a whole page. I could fill three, but perhaps I've tortured you enough. Please give your utmost support to your new editor, whoever it shall be, and please remember that Timber Talk depends on members' input for its success.

